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FROM DICK MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: COMMENTS ON SECOND DAY'S JANUARY  
31 MALTA TALKS

1. THE LAST TWO DAYS' TALKS HAVE BEEN VERY CONSTRUCTIVE  
IN THE SENSE THAT WE HAVE, AT LONG LAST, BEEN ABLE TO  
PRESENT OUR PROPOSALS IN DETAIL AND TO HAVE A FULLSOME  
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE. ON THEIR  
PART, THERE HAS BEEN A MINIMUM OF RHETORIC AND A  
GENERALLY MATTER-OF-FACT APPROACH TO ISSUES. NEVER-  
THELESS, THEY HAVE PRESSED THEIR CASE FOR A DOMINANT  
PF ROLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF ZIMBABWE DURING THE  
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TRANSITION PERIOD. WHILE THEY HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY  
BUT FIRMLY RESISTED BY OWEN, WE HAVE TRIED TO MEET  
THE PF PART WAY BY PROPOSING A GOVERNING COUNCIL WHICH  
WOULD EXERCISE A CAREFULLY LIMITED MEASURE OF  
LEGISLATIVE POWER IN COORDINATION WITH THE RESIDENT  
COMMISSIONER. ALTHOUGH THIS ACCORDS MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE  
REPRESENTATION EQUAL TO THE PF, WE THOUGHT NKOMO'S

AND MUGABE'S RESISTANCE TO THIS RECOGNITION RATHER  
PERFUNCTORY. WHILE WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT THIS  
CONCESSION WILL SATISFY PF AMBITIONS, WE HAVE  
A SENSE THAT THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO LEAVE HERE  
WITHOUT SOME POSITIVE NOTE. RETENTION AND USE  
OF THE RHODESIAN POLICE DURING THE TRANSITION IS A  
TERRIBLY SORE ISSUE WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE, AS IT IS WITH THE  
BRITISH, BUT HERE THE PF IS FLYING IN THE FACE OF OUR UNDERSTANDINGS  
WITH THE FRONT LINE.

2. WHEREAS YESTERDAY WE THOUGHT NKOMO THE ONLY  
FLEXIBLE PARTNER, MUGABE, BOTH LAST NIGHT IN PRIVATE  
CONVERSATION WITH ANDY AND ME AND AGAIN TODAY IN  
THE SESSIONS, SEEMED ALMOST ANXIOUS TO FIND AREAS OF  
AGREEMENT. INDEED, THE TWO MEN APPEAR TO BE OF ONE MIND AND  
WORKING TOGETHER CLOSELY. IN OUR RECENT PRIVATE TALKS WE HAVE HIT  
BOTH PARTNERS VERY HARD ON THE LIKELY CONSEQUENCES  
OF THEIR REFUSAL TO GET ON BOARD. ANDY, OWEN AND I  
ALL BELIEVE THEY ARE MOVING -- HOW FAR OR WHY, WE  
DO NOT KNOW. PERHAPS THEY ONLY WANT TO USE THE  
MEETING AND US IN ORDER TO DRAW ATTENTION TO  
THEMSELVES AND UNDERCUT SMITH'S INTERNAL EFFORTS.  
OR THEY MAY REALLY BE A BIT WORRIED.

3. TOMORROW MORNING MAY BE OUR LAST SESSION.  
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US GET THEM ON BOARD A STATEMENT  
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OF PRINCIPLES CLOSELY PARALLELING THOSE IN THE WHITE  
PAPER AND OBTAIN THEIR AGREEMENT TO MEET AGAIN SHORTLY.  
IN THE INTERIM WE WOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO STIFFEN  
MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE AND MAKE OUR CASE TO THE FRONT LINE.  
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